

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 12 and 16 are amended.

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Feinstein does not disclose an input device including "a microphone detachably attached to the screen and in communication with the tapping sound detector," as recited in independent claim 1. Support for this feature is found, for example, on page 10 of the specification and Figs. 3A-B.

Instead, Feinstein discloses a PDA device including a fixed sound/vibration transducer 202 that senses a finger tap. The sound/vibration transducer 202 and a flat display 12 are self contained in a hand-held device 10.

Neither Stove nor Feinstein disclose an image display system including "a microphone detachably attached to the screen and in communication with the tapping sound detector," as recited in independent claims 12 and 16.

The Office Action admits that Stove fails to teach an input device/acoustic input device, but asserts that Feinstein makes up for the deficiencies of Stove. However, Feinstein discloses a PDA device including fixed a sound/vibration transducer 202 that senses a finger tap.

II. Conclusion

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 12 and 16 are patentable over the applied references. The remainder of the claims that depend from independent claims 1, 12 and 16 are likewise patentable over the applied references for at least the reasons discussed above, as well as for the additional features they recite.

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-19 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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